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## Minutes 04/06/2009

## ARINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING 7:30PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING 4/6/09

## ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan		Bayer*	Phelps*	Dunn*
DeCourcey*	Connors*	Simmons	Olszewski*	
Tosti*	Foskett	Deyst*	Ronan	
Ferrara *	Franclemont	Jones*	Deshler*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Turkall*

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates present

VISITORS: Minuteman Tech Superintendent Ed Bouquillon, Minuteman School Committee Member from Arlington Laura Morris sette

MINUTES of 3/18/09 accepted as corrected. Unanimous

TRANSFER: Voted to transfer \$80,000 from the Reserve Fund to Veterans Services based on material provided by the manager by email. 75% of this is expected to be reimbursed. Unanimous.

ART 40 POSITIONS RECLASSIFICATION: Phelps, using a handout detailing the changes, recommended the proposal from the Director of Personnel. Most of the changes were proposed by managers. The associated costs are in the budget. Two of the eleven proposed by employees were approved by the director. These costs, totaling \$4366, will be in the article. VOTED favorable action. Unanimous. Phelps to email info to Turkall for the report.

ART 44 MINUTEMAN TECH: Bouquillon, using handouts and info previously provided via email by DeCourcey, explained his budget. It has increased by 2.9% but Arlington's assessment has decreased by 1.9%. Our per pupil cost will be \$22,892, a 7% increase. Bouquillon continues to adjust the programs to fit demand & changing industry needs. He described the strengthened outreach program. Still the number of students continues to shrink. He answered many questions. After a lively discussion VOTED \$3,090,368. Unanimous.

ART 45 MINUTEMAN STABILIZATION FUND: Bouquillon stated that the buildings need work. He is starting with an energy plan which should pay for itself over time. Morrissette said the committee backs the plan. The fund would require approval by a majority of the member communities to establish but a 2/3 approval to appropriate money from. It is unclear if appropriations could be restricted to capital use. Members discussed whether this might be a good time to get a charter change since the capital expenditures that the school is expected to need will require unanimous approval from the member towns. Minuteman needs to attract new communities which probably requires a charter change.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING (STM)

STM ART 3 UNUSED 200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY FUNDS: Members were cool to the proposal to spend most of this money on sister cities 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Tabled until discussed w/ Manager.

STM ART 4 "9C" AMMENDMENTS TO FY 09 BUDGET: The Manager provided, by email, a list of cuts. VOTED to recommend the changes as approved. Unanimous.

STM ART 5 REPAIR OF WHITEMORE\_ROBBINS HOUSE: Repairs done and general fund should be reimbursed from the building insurance fund. VOTED to transfer \$60,500. Unanimous.

STM ART 6 MODIFY CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FIRE STATIONS: The committee discussed a proposed vote drafted by bond counsel that would authorize borrowing \$12m to rennovate Central and/or Highland stations. VOTED to approve. Bayer to discuss w/ Shea to be sure the wording matches the PTBC needs.

STM ART 7 MODIFY CAPITAL BUDGET: This is intended to provide a means to receive stimulus funds. Tabled pending more info from state.

ART 27 AFTER SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND: FinCom will not take a position.

ART 28 RAISE MAX AGE FOR POLICE & FIRE CANDIDATES Public Safety SubCom (Bayer) reported that both chiefs support Art 28 that would raise age limits for police & fire candidates but oppose Art 29 that would eliminate age limits. FinCom will not take a position on ART 28.

ART 29 ELIMINATE MAX AGE FOR POLICE & FIRE CANDIDATES Members were concerned with impact on health, insurance & pension costs if the average age of uniformed employees were to increase substantially. VOTED no action 11-3.

ART 32 COMMITTEE ON REORGANIZATION: Tabled

ART 33 PAYT Ad hoc subcom (Howard & Ferrara) presented a proposed vote & a sample budget impact table. Discussion cut off by the clock.

COMMITTEE: Next mtg 4/13 There will be a Bud & Rev Task Force mtg at 6:00. FinCom will meet 9:00 AM Saturday 5/9 to vote on the budget. The House may have voted local aid by then. The Schools will hold a public budget hearing on 4/28.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$287,000-\$80,000=\$207,000.

Peter B Howard 4/12/09 Revised 4/13/09 cc FinCom Members, Selectmen, Town Manager, Library File, Town Web Site FinCom Web Site VOTE SUMMARY ñ Articles

# 2/11	# 3/3	#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Status (Unlisted votes were unanimous)
16	16		Marihuana Bylaw			Public Safety SubCom to inquire
27	27		After School Scholarship Fund	3/4	4/6	No report
28	28		Max Age for Appointment to Police & Fire		4/6	No report
29	29		Max Age For Police & Fire	3/18	3/18, 4/6	No action 11-3
30	30		Transfer Of McClennen Park			

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33         33         Pay As You Throw         2/23 4/6         Tabled           34         XX         Library Copiers & Printers Fund         TM           35         XX         Parking Fund         2/18         2/18         No action           39         37         Collective Bargaining         TM           40         38         Future Collective Bargaining         TM           41         39         Salary Adjustment Elected Officials         TM           42         40         Positions Reclassification         4/6         4/6         4366           43         41         Budgets         Image: Budget officials         2/18         2/18         8242949           45         43         Rescind authority to borrow officials         2/18         2/18         8242949           45         43         Rescind authority to borrow officials         2/18         2/18         177472           46         44         Minutean Tech Stabilization Fund         TM         TM           47         45         Minutean Tech Stabilization Fund         TM         TM           49         47         Committees & Commissions         3/18         3/18         3/18         Milevel funded except ARC tabled untit EcoFes		_		· ·	3/2		
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VOTE SUMMARY-Budgets

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1	FinCom				
2	Board of Selectmen				
3	Town Manager				
4	Personnel				
5	Information Technology				
6	Comptroller				
7	Treasurer				
8	Postage				
9	Assessors				
10	Legal				
11	Town Clerk				
12	Registrar of Voters				
13	Parking				
14	Planning				
15	Redevelopment Board	3/18	3/18	353,468	
16	Zoning Board of Appeals	3/18	3/18	23,890	
17	Public Works				
17a	Street Lights				
18a	Community Safety Admin				
18b	Police				
18c	Fire				
18d	Support				
19	Inspections				
20	Education				
21	Library				
22a	Health & Human Services				
22b	Veterans	3/18	3/18	326,568	
22c	COA				
23	Retirement	3/18	3/18	6,791,252	
24	Insurance				
25	Reserve Fund	3/18	3/18	500,000	
W&S EF					
Rec EF	Rev 600,500, Exp 597,132	3/18	3/18		
Rnk EF	Rev 567,000, Exp 560,267	3/18	3/18		
COAEF					
Youth EF					